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## Labor Day Festival Will Offer Varied Activities

The tenth annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival begins tomorrow evening with sports activities on Braden Field and the first performance of "The Curious Savage" by the Greenbelt Players. The play, a comedy, will be presented at the Center School, headquarters for most of this year's indoor activities.

The Youth Center will be taken over by the Arts and Crafts Guild for their Art Festival, a continuous exhibition of art work with entries from artists throughout the Metropolitan Area. The Art Festival will culminate with a presentation of awards for the different categories in the art field.

Carnival rides, booths with games of chance, and a large variety of foods will be open starting Saturday at 1 p.m. Bingo will be offered every evening. This year's Lions Club Pancake breakfast will be held on the Carnival grounds, hopefully, in the shade.

A gala four-division parade will pass through town on Monday morning. Many honored guests will attend the parade, which promises to be the most spectacular one ever held in Greenbelt.

Members of the Festival Steering Committee, which is responsible for coordinating all festival activities are: Leo Gerton, chairman; Victor Fisher, treasurer; Rita Fisher, secretary, and James Cassels, advisor. Special events chairmen are: Richard Stevenson, recreation; Frank Lewis, the arts; J. Larry Noel, Miss Greenbelt contest; and Sgt. Austin Green, parade.



The above insignia was designed for the Greenbelt Festival in 1960 by Beverly Fonda, then chairman of the Youth Center Advisory Board. The idea for the design originated out of a desire to have distinctive medals to award to winners.

## Players To Perform "The Curious Savage"

Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival weekend will have a dramatic aspect, as the same local group that did such splendid jobs with "Harvey" and "Witness for the Prosecution" performs again. The Greenbelt Players will present a comedy by John Patrick - "The Curious Savage" on Friday, September 3, and Monday, September 6, at 8:30 p.m. in the Center School Auditorium. They will also give a matinee performance Saturday, September 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the same location.

The plot revolves around Mrs. Ethel Savage (Adele Mund), who has recently inherited ten million dollars from her husband. Mrs. Savage, a kindly woman, decides to give it all away to people who have never had the chance to waste money. Her step-children - Lily Belle, Titus, and Samuel (Sue Harbour, Tom Spillaine, and Bill Harbour) hope she has lost her mind and have committed her to a private mental home, planning to gain possession of her fortune. The action centers around the inmates of the home, a docile, innocently oblivious, and contented group who go by the names of Mrs. Paddy (Mary Barstow), Florence (Mary Fuller), Fairy May (Judy Holland), Jeff (Bill Atkinson), and Hannibal (Jack Elder). They and Mrs. Savage wreak chaos and bedlam on the Savage children, forcing them to flee the premises.

The group, directed by Tom Spillaine, with Bill Harbour as producer, plans a series of plays extending into next spring. Based on rehearsals to date, the group anticipates a very successful season. Prices will be reduced for children under 18, and for groups of 20 or more. Tickets may be purchased at the Twin Pines Office, or at the door.

## Decorated Bicycle Contest

One feature of the Labor Day Parade will be a decorated bicycle and tricycle contest for which prizes will be awarded by the Lions Club. Entries will be broken down into two age groups.

In order to enter this contest, each entrant must get a number pin from High's store at the Center and pin it to his right arm so the parade judges can pick out the winners. Every entrant will win a prize. In addition, four special trophies will be awarded.

## Labor Day Parade

"The best Labor Day parade yet!" says Police Sgt. Austin Green, parade chairman; and if four marching bands, six convertibles overflowing with beauty queens, fleets of fire engines and antique cars, and squadrons of visiting dignitaries with speeches tucked under their arms don't prove the sergeant is absolutely right, we don't know what would.

And we've just scratched the surface. How could we leave out the troops of majorettes, twirling their long batons and short skirts? The floats—the kids on decorated bicycles and tricycles, every one guaranteed to win a prize—the city of Greenbelt's new refuse collection truck, billed as "the first diesel-powered refuse collector in the Washington area"—and Joey's clowns, from the Chillum-Adelphi Fire Department.

It ought to be a real old-fashioned Labor Day parade, and it will take place on September 6. The parade will form at 9 a.m. and start at 10 from the area between the corner of Northway and Crescent and the lake parking lot. The marchers will proceed up Northway, down Ridge and Gardenway, and along Centerway past the reviewing stand on Centerway opposite the underpass.

Grand Marshal of the parade will be Rear Admiral Andrew J. Hill. Congressman Carlton R. Sickles and Eduardo Uribe, Colombian ambassador to the United States, will be honored guests. Parade judges will



Rear Admiral Andrew Hill

include: Lt. Janet L. Blumberg, U. S. Navy; Joseph Lilly, Mayor of Hyattsville; David L. Brigham of the American Legion; and Robert Mogel of the District Fire Department. Greenbelt's city officials will also be occupying some of the leading cars in the parade.

## Columbian Guest of Honor

Colombian Ambassador Eduardo Uribe, an honored guest in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade, was made an honorary citizen of Greenbelt at last week's council meeting. He is from the city of Medellin in the state of Antioquia, Colombia. Sr. Uribe was the Governor of Antioquia for one year and Minister of the Interior for one year before becoming Ambassador to the United States.

He attended San Ignazio Secondary School and is a graduate of the University of Antioquia, the oldest University in Colombia, with a degree in law.

Before entering public service, Sr. Uribe practiced law for twenty-five years, representing several large corporations such as the Container Corporation of America (18 years) and Burlington Mills (14 years).

Married and the father of three sons, the Ambassador makes his permanent home on a ranch in Colombia where he raises cattle and horses.

## \$250,000 Bond Issue for Parkland, City Service Bldg. to be on Referendum

by Al Skolnik

Final arrangements for a referendum on the issuance of bonds for acquisition of parkland, to be conducted in conjunction with the regular election on September 21, were made by the City Council at a special meeting on August 25.

The citizens will be asked to approve a bond issue for \$250,000, payable over a period of fifteen years, to cover land acquisition for parks adjacent to Greenbelt Lake and for a Municipal Service Building. The proceeds of the bond issue will also be used for development of the parkland. The city will seek federal funds under the Open Spaces Land Program. It is expected that such funds will cover up to 50 percent of the actual purchase price of the land. Federal approval, however, cannot be obtained until the referendum has authorized the city to purchase the parkland.

### WHAT GOES ON

**Fri., Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
Registration for new students at Center and North End School  
**Tuesday, Sept. 7.** Classes begin at High Point, Greenbelt Junior High, North End, Center School  
**Wednesday, Sept. 8.** Classes begin at St. Hugh's  
**Thurs., Sept. 9, 7:45 p.m.** GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
**8 p.m.** Square Dancing, Springhill Lake Community House

## Public Hearing Coming On Greenbelt Zoning

Five zoning petitions within the city limits of Greenbelt will be the subject of a public hearing by the county commissioners on Friday, September 17, at 10 a.m. at the county service building in Hyattsville.

Two petitions deal with 4½ acres in Springhill Lake, two deal with 1½ acres on Crescent rd. behind Parkway Apartments, and one deals with a lot in the Lakecrest Subdivision.

The Springhill Lake Apartment owners (Albert H. Small, Theodore N. Lerner, and Harold Kramer) have petitioned for commercial office (C-O) zoning at the corner of Edmonston rd. and Springhill Drive and for neighborhood commercial (C-1) zoning at corner of Springhill Dr. and Springhill Lane. Greenbelt's Master Plan concurs with these requests.

The two petitions for Crescent rd. behind Parkway Apartments call for a change in zoning from rural planned community to R-18 (medium density apartments). The Greenbelt Master Plan recommends no change in the present zoning, and the MNCPPC recommends R-30 (garden-type apartments).

The last petition is for a C-O zoning for a lot on the north side of Greenbelt rd. approximately 200 feet west of Lakecrest Drive. Present zoning is R-55 (single-family homes). The Greenbelt and Area 13 master plans recommend R-30.

## Unlocked Cars Stolen From Parking Lot

Two automobiles were stolen on August 18 from the parking lot at Beltway Plaza while their owners were shopping at Klein's. One car was a 1961 Oldsmobile, and the other was a 1965 Mustang convertible. Both had been left unlocked. The keys of the Mustang had been left under the front seat, and according to Police Chief William Lane, they were apparently used by the thief. The Mustang, which was taken between 12:30 and 2 p.m., was recovered later that afternoon in Berwyn Heights by police. A man who was seen parking the car is still being sought.

The Oldsmobile, stolen later the same day, has not yet been recovered.

Chief Lane advises motorists: "When leaving your car, be sure to lock the ignition and remove the key; then lock all the doors. Don't leave anything of value in plain sight inside the car. I would recommend locking all packages, groceries, etc., in the trunk." The chief added that it is a violation of the law to leave the key in the ignition or to leave the ignition unlocked.

Four privately - owned parcels totaling 24 acres are being considered for purchase. These parcels lie on the north shore of Greenbelt Lake to the east and west of the parking lot.

### Other Business

The city council approved a competitive bid for liability insurance submitted by Employers Mutual of Wausau after taking into consideration estimated policy dividends. Nationwide Insurance would have been low bidder if dividends had not been taken into account.

The council authorized a memorial committee to determine a fitting "tribute to the late Rev. Robert C. Hull, a pioneer Greenbelt resident and civic worker. Selected to serve on the committee so far are James Wolfe, the Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, and James Cassels.

The council authorized city manager James Giese to appear before the Prince Georges County Board of Education with a delegation from Charlestowne Village to request bus transportation for children to Center School. The Board has been resisting such requests on the grounds that the distance of Charlestowne Village to the school is less than a mile. Residents, however, point out that there are no paved sidewalks for most of the distance.

(Temporary approval of a school bus for Charlestowne Village children until such time as sidewalks are constructed was granted by the Board of Education last week. Actual bus service may be delayed pending delivery of new buses.)

In reply to a questionnaire from the Maryland Municipal League, the council agreed that the League should support the position that any reapportionment plan passed by the Maryland General Assembly should give maximum recognition to existing political boundaries of counties and municipalities.

## Charles Schwan Named Election Day Judge

Charles Schwan has been named by the city council as election day judge for the regular election on September 21. Additional election clerks appointed were Mrs. Margaret Feeney and Mrs. Jacqueline Shabe.

A total of 1,724 Greenbelters are registered to vote, it was announced by City Clerk Mrs. Nita Maschauer. By coincidence, this is exactly the same number as were eligible to vote in the 1963 election. During the special registration period beginning July 14, a total of 304 new names were added to the lists.

## Candidates Forum Sept. 14

The Greenbelt Lions Club will sponsor a traditional Candidates Forum on Sept. 14 at 8:15 p.m. All candidates seeking office on the City Council in the Sept. 21 election will be invited to attend. Greenbelt citizens will be invited to see and hear all the candidates. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The Chairman for the forum will be Edward Wuermsier, president of the Greenbelt Lions. For further information, call him at 474-6012.

## CARS NEEDED FOR PARADE

The Greenbelt Labor Day Parade still requires several late-model convertibles to carry the Greenbelt Queen and guests of honor. If you are willing to loan your car for this purpose please call the parade chairman, Sgt. Austin R. Green, at 474-5864.

## Two More Biographies Of Council Candidates

Biographies of two city council candidates not previously published appear below. The other seven candidates whose biographies have already been printed are Lloyd Moore, Harvey Geller, William Hoff, Clifford Simonson, Robert Foley, David Champion, and Francis White.

### PILSKI

Richard Pilski, a native of Kingston, Pennsylvania, moved to Greenbelt six years ago. He and his wife, Claire have three children, Richard 10, Nancy Ann 8, and Chris, 2½.

For the past seven years Pilski has been employed as a tax representative for Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

Before joining Prentice-Hall, he held the position of Merchandising Manager for the American Tobacco Company, covering 7 states.

He holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University, and attended Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He served three years in the U. S. Navy.

Pilski is a former member of City Council, Advisory Planning Board, Charter Review Committee, and Greenbelt Dedication Committee. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, St. Hugh's Holy Name Society, Greenbelt Democratic Club, Delegate of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, Delegate of Prince Georges County Council of Democratic Clubs, member of the Greenbelt American Legion, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, and Knights of Columbus.

### SMITH

Mayor Edgar L. Smith is an attorney engaged in the general practice of law in Greenbelt. He has an Associate of Arts Degree from the Maryland State Teachers' College at Salisbury, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University



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## Labor Day Festival Events

### Long Distance Races

A special feature among the sports events offered during the Labor Day Festival will be two long-distance road running races. To be held Sunday evening, September 5, at 6:30, the races will start and end at Braden Field. Both are open to the public, and boys and girls are particularly urged to run in the shorter, 1½ mile race. The longer race is 15 kilometers (9.3 miles). The first Greenbelt runner to finish in either race will receive a special trophy.

Several nationally known runners are expected to participate in the long race this year. In addition to those named in last week's News Review will be Moses Mayfield from the South Jersey Track Club.

The course for the short race begins at Braden Field and continues through St. Hugh's parking lot, to the junction of Crescent and Kenilworth whence the runners turn and reverse the course, ending at Braden Field.

The course for the long race is as follows: from Braden field through St. Hugh's parking lot, right on Crescent to Edmonston Rd., right on Edmonston Rd. through the Beltsville Farm to Beaver Dam Rd., right to Research Rd., right on Research Rd. through the gate into Greenbelt to Ridge, left to Gardeway, right on Gardeway to Crescent, right to St. Hugh's parking lot, and left to Braden Field.

### Saturday Night Dance

Music to please everyone, from twisting to waltzing, will be available at the Labor Day Dance Saturday night, September 4, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Center School auditorium. The Greenbelt concert band, sponsor of the event, promises square dancing by the Kaliko Kickers and their professional caller, at intermission time.

The 1965 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Princesses will make their formal debut at the dance. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

### Miss Greenbelt Contest

The 1965 Miss Greenbelt Contest, will have fourteen lovely girls, sponsored by local organizations and businessmen, competing for the titles of Miss Greenbelt and her two Princesses. The contestants will appear at the dance Saturday evening at Center School, and, as always, will be featured in the Labor Day Parade.

The actual contest and judging will take place Sunday, September 5, at 9:30 p.m. in the Center School. Music will be provided by Michael's Buttons and Bellows Accordion Band from Laurel. Miss Carolyn Finley, last year's Miss Greenbelt, will assist in the program and crown the new Miss Greenbelt.

The sponsors and the contestants representing them are:

Miss American Legion, Sheri Goldfaden; Miss Ben Franklin, Linda Sweeney; Miss Boys Club, Linda Vose; Miss Fashion Floors, Linda Shepherd; Miss Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, Lynn Rousseau; Miss Federal Credit Union, unannounced; Miss Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Kendra Keeney; Miss Greenbelt Theater, Claudette Walton; Miss High's Store, Barbara Weisel; Miss Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Linda Rubin; Miss Kay-Dee Furniture, Linda Howey; Miss Lion's Club, Linda White; Miss Little League, Linda Capri; Miss Tobacco Shop, Adele Weidaw.

### RECREATION NEWS

The horseshoe tournament is open to boys, girls, men, and women. Persons interested may sign up at the pool.

All archers may sign up at the pool. This tournament is open to boys, girls, men, and women.

The tennis tournament has men's singles and doubles divisions, 16 and under, 14 yrs. and under, and 12 yrs. and under. Sign up at the Youth Center.

The golf chipping contest is open to everyone who can swing a club. Sign up at Braden Field at 1 p.m. Sunday.

## Park Land Bond Issue

### A Report To The People

by James K. Giese, City Manager

(The City Council has submitted to referendum at the September 21st city election an ordinance to authorize a \$250,000 bond issue for the purpose of acquiring land for parks and for a Municipal Service Building, and for the development of such land acquired. This is the first of a series of articles to provide voters with information concerning this bond issue.)

Fact: By the end of this year the city's population will be almost double that of four years ago (14,500 as compared to 7,500).

Fact: The master plan approved by the Park and Planning Commission provides for a zoning density sufficient to make Greenbelt a city of more than 50,000 population—larger than any present city in the State of Maryland except Baltimore.

Fact: Even the approved City Council Plan, while reducing the densities, still provides for a population of over 35,000—a city the size of Hagerstown.

Fact: More than 1,000 dwelling units will be built in Greenbelt during 1965. The original Greenbelt development in 1939 consisted of only 885 units.

Fact: According to tax stamp records, a parcel of land was purchased in 1962 and sold only a year later for three times the purchase price.

Fact: The city owns 106 acres of park land, of which 57 acres are at Greenbelt Lake Park (the lake itself being 23 acres), 24 acres at Braden Field, and the rest in neighborhood playgrounds.

Facts: The National Recreation Association standard for parks and playgrounds is 7.5 acres per thousand population, of which one-third of the acreage should be used for playgrounds. A city of 35,000 population should have over 260 acres and a city of 50,000 at least 375 acres of park land.

Fact: Only a strip of land varying in width but averaging about 100 feet is city property along most of the north side of the lake. The little road most people walk along on this side of the lake is on private property for most of the length.

Fact: Two separate master plans prepared by professional planning staffs—the Park and Planning Commission plan and the city's plan prepared by Marcou, O'Leary and Associates—recommend the acquisition of additional park land in the city, especially in the vicinity of the lake.

It was with these facts in mind that the City Council unanimously reached the decision to give the citizens of Greenbelt an opportunity to express themselves on the question of purchasing additional land for park and other city purposes by submitting to referendum a bond issue ordinance.

### Master Plan Recommendations

While differing in many respects, both master plans are in agreement on the development of a green core of park lands and public facilities stretching from the Municipal Building to the Capital Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue. Besides the existing public facilities consisting of the lake, Braden Field, Youth Center, swimming pool, Municipal Building, and Center School, this heart land of the city would be expected to include a high school, a junior high school, another elementary school, additional park land, and a service building to house Public Works Department equipment and supplies.

The Board of Education has already initiated action to obtain the senior high and elementary school sites. If the bond issue referendum is approved, the city can pursue the purchase of that portion of the green core to be used for park and city purposes.

The primary goal of the bond issue is the purchase of privately-owned land in the vicinity of the lake (along the south side of Crescent Road from St. Hugh's School to Kenilworth Avenue), thus preserving this area of natural beauty for the enjoyment of all Greenbelt residents. However, the master plans call for additional park lands in other areas of the city, and if funds remain after the purchase of land in the lake area, they can be used for this purpose. Parks have been designated for the area between Ridge Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the Springhill Lake section, and the area east of the Parkway. The funds authorized by the proposed bond issue could not possibly purchase all lands designated by the master plans for park purposes.

### Service Building Site Needed

The condemnation by the State of the city warehouse property on Kenilworth Avenue has left the city in need of a new facility to house its Public Works Department. By the end of 1966 the city must vacate its present quarters. For the warehouse property, the city was paid fair market value for the land as vacant land. The city received no compensation for the unsightly meat buildings because whatever scrap value there is to these buildings is more than offset by the cost of tearing down the old sewage treatment plan structures.

The city cannot consider replacing these buildings with like facilities. No longer can we hide unsightly buildings back in the woods. No longer can we expect our Public Works Superintendent's Office to be heated by a wood stove. No longer can we expect city employees to work in a place lacking toilet facilities. Consequently, a new facility will cost more than what the State paid for the warehouse property.

Of the funds received from the State, slightly more than \$140,000 is available for a new facility. It is estimated that a suitable Public Works Service Building can be constructed for that sum of money, excluding the cost of land.

About two to three acres of land are required for this facility. It should be located centrally in the city to provide minimum driving time between the service building and various job sites. It should be located where its operations will not be a nuisance to residential neighborhoods—present and future. No existing city property meets these criteria. Therefore, it is proposed to use a portion of the proposed bond monies for purchasing a site for this building.

The Advisory Planning Board has recommended as the best site for this facility privately-owned land at the end of old Crescent Road adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue. In a hollow, the property will not be near residential development and will be buffered by park lands and Kenilworth Avenue. Yet, it is almost at the geographical center of the city with good access to main streets. At this location, the service building would be a part of the green core of park land and public facilities recommended by the master plans.

Future reports will discuss the cost of purchasing land, the cost of the bond issue to taxpayers, and Federal Aid funds available.

(Space purchased by City of Greenbelt)

## Concert Program

The N.S.A. GLEEMEN and The N.S.A. Madrigal Group

Frank W. Lewis, Director

Fred Beaudoin, Accompanist

Center School, Monday Sept. 6, 4:30 p.m.

- I. Sailors' Chorus (The Flying Dutchman) Wagner  
Aura Lee Traditional
- The GLEEMEN
- II. Fair Phyllis I Saw: Farewell, Dear Love Farmer Jones  
The MADRIGAL SINGERS
- III. To All You Maidens: Sextet from "Robin Hood" De Koven  
The MADRIGAL MEN
- IV. Four Norwegian Folksongs Grieg  
The GLEEMEN
- V. For You Alone Geehl  
Tenor Soloist, Don Raytkwich
- VI. Phyllis, Farewell Bateson  
Dear Love, Be Not Unkind Dering  
The MADRIGAL SINGERS
- VII. Tarantella (Do You Remember an Inn, Miranda) Thompson  
The GLEEMEN



THE N.S.A. GLEEMEN - The Gleemen, directed by Frank Lewis, will perform at Center School on September 6 as part of the Labor Day Festival.

### Card Party Planned Sept. 9

St. Hugh's will hold a card party on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. in the church hall. The admission charge will cover refreshments, door and table prizes. All Greenbelters are invited.

### FESTIVAL DANCE

Sat. - Sept. 4 - 8 - 11 P.M.

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11 a.m. Morning Worship 8 p.m. Evening Worship  
8:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service

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Assisted by Charles Bier

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Parkland Issues Examined by Readers

### The Need for Parkland

In a letter published by the *News Review* last week, Charles T. McDonald raised arguments opposing the bond issue for parkland purchase, which is to be voted on in the coming election. In his letter McDonald argued that the city already has sufficient parkland, that the purchase of more will seriously reduce the city's tax base, and also implied that rather than acquire more land the city should properly maintain the parkland which it presently owns.

One could disagree with some of the above points - for instance, on whether the city has indeed been neglecting its parks - but by and large they are correct: correct, that is, for the Greenbelt we have known until recently. For a community of 10,000 souls or so, which it has been for over 25 years, Greenbelt certainly had enough parkland.

However, change is coming to Greenbelt: following the rezoning actions of the last few years and the rapid growth of suburbia around the city, it won't be long before its population reaches the 30,000 or the 40,000 mark. It may be an unfortunate thing, this growth; but though some of us may resent it, this should not be a reason for not preparing for it even now. Much of the tax base of this greater Greenbelt will come from large apartment developments: it would hardly be affected by the removal from the tax rolls of property on which, we hope, apartment development will never take place. The need for recreational open space in such an expanded community will be considerably larger than it is now, and it is in anticipation of this need that park acquisition is needed.

The rate at which land in and around the city was rezoned lately has been rapid. On the other hand, the actual growth of Greenbelt's population is likely to be gradual: parkland development can thus wait until required. Parkland purchase, however, cannot: bitter experience in the past (such as was learned from the Jaeger case) indicates that if public parkland is not acquired early in the game, before development reaches it, it is likely not to be acquired at all.

In this case, the acquisition has a special significance: to scenically preserve and recreationally develop a large section of the shores of Greenbelt Lake. There are indeed few scenic spots in this area comparable to Greenbelt Lake; and as many of us stroll beside it and admire the dense forests surrounding it, few realize that there is very little to prevent much of this forest from being bulldozed away and replaced by massed dwellings. To save the lake in its present setting, for us and for future residents of Greenbelt, is the purpose of the bond issue. Even Mr. McDonald will agree, I hope, that it is a worthy purpose.

David Stern

### Parkland Is Not Acquired

Mr. Charles McDonald's letter opposing additional parkland because taxes might rise a bit is an incredible example of short-sighted thinking.

He never stops to ask what might happen if the city does not acquire the land. Will anything at all keep the owners from cutting all the trees, as recently happened in the Golden Triangle? If present zoning petitions mean anything, there is no reason to believe the lost land will become attractively landscaped single family residences.

It is far more likely to become rows of apartments packed together in a sea of parking lots. These may produce some tax revenue, but let it not be forgotten that they also produce clogged highways and additional demands for community services that frequently negate any increased income.

If the land goes as Mr. McDonald wants, Greenbelt will be another Langley Park, with taxes rising to build the new roads and to pay for

civil servants to care for the teeming populace.

To the worriers who say that Greenbelt's tax structure cannot afford this project, I say that Greenbelt cannot afford to do otherwise if it wishes to preserve its beauty, traffic safety, and our peace of mind.

Katherine Keene

### Towards A Beautiful City

It was with great interest that I read my good neighbor, "Mr. Mac's" letter in the August 26 issue of the *News Review*. Since, after looking at the same facts, I have come to the opposite conclusion, I feel duty bound to list my reasons, so that those who read both our letters will be able to vote on the bond referendum with some knowledge of the different facets of the issue, and not merely because they are in doubt.

Although the bond issue will not be specific in spelling out exactly how the money will be spent, this is not the first time this has happened in Greenbelt. For example, the referendum for the construction of the three city buildings (Firehouse, Youth Center, and Municipal Office Building) was just as vague as the present referendum. We, the citizens voted, and rightly so, in favor of that construction program, even though the site selection, the architecture, the size, etc. were to be left to the city officials. Similarly, we voted for renovation of the swimming pool with the details left to council.

We have to have confidence in the city's elected officials - that they will carry out the expressed views of the citizens and put public interest above private interest. I am sure that the voters of Greenbelt will not vote down the bond issue on the grounds that they lack confidence in the men they have just chosen for council.

A significant omission in Mr. McDonald's letter is the fact that the city will be getting Federal financial assistance in the purchase of the land. The Federal Open Space Program will provide grants up to 50 percent of the cost. In a sense, we are getting land for half price. We are getting a dollar's worth of land for every 50 cents we put up; an excellent opportunity we should certainly take advantage of.

Mr. McDonald quotes some powerful statistics, and I am certainly not the one to take issue with accurate figures. However, let us look behind the raw numbers to get a feeling of what is involved. The land around the lake is the prime park land in the City. The City owns only a small strip around the shore of the lake. The rest of the land between Crescent Rd. and the lake is probably the most expensive per acre in the City, and because of this would eventually be developed at the highest density allowable. When this occurs, and there is a ring of high rise apartments on that side of the lake, Greenbelt will no longer be "park land poor," but it will have "poor park land." In fact, it will be hardly recognizable as parkland at all.

Mr. McDonald raises the specter of lost revenues from the removal of the parkland property from the assessable tax base. With the tremendous increases that will occur in Greenbelt's tax base in the next few years due to the future development of the Smith-Ewing tract, Parcels 1 and 2, Springhill Lake, etc., the removal of acquired parkland from the tax rolls will hardly be felt. Our tax rate has been steadily declining and will continue to do so. We are all interested in lower taxes, but let us try to strike a happy medium between our expenditures and our hopes for a beautiful, livable and comfortable city for ourselves and our children. Let us not in future years regret that this land too has slipped from our fingers, and that once again we are at the mercy of developers and county officials.

Harvey Geller

### City Growing, Parks Needed

I would like to make a few comments in reference to Mr. McDonald's letter of last week. I regret that I have not had the opportunity to read the specifications for the proposed park bond issue of \$250,000.

I do not know what standards Mr. McDonald uses to determine park acreage adequacy but the standards used by many of the local planning agencies are derived from standards adopted by the National Recreation Association and call for 10 acres of close-in recreation facilities per 100 population and 25 acres of regional facilities per 1000 population.

The most conservative estimate for future population growth for Greenbelt is in the neighborhood of 45,000 population. Translating these figures into needed recreational facilities, this means the city is going to have to provide at least 450 acres of neighborhood facilities to meet minimum standards. It is to be hoped that this land is usable open space and not in the nature of a trail through backyards which comprises so much of the GHI walkways and fully one-third of the walk around the lake.

Nobody has ever been able to prove that when land is put into parks and taken off the tax rolls a jurisdiction suffers great tax loss in the long run. This is because no one has yet come up with a method for determining growth resulting from an attractive environment. Furthermore, proximity to attractive park facilities such as our lake is often a stimulus for promoting expensive development which increases nearby land values and tax revenues.

One or two further comments are perhaps in order. Under the current matching programs sponsored by the Federal Government for park acquisition and development, for every dollar put up by a jurisdiction like the city of Greenbelt the Government will match it with another dollar. Thus only 50% of the acquisition and development costs need to be paid for out of local funds - the rest will come out of federal or state funds.

It should also be remembered that a bond issue of \$250,000 is payable over a long period of time. Since I have not seen the specifications I do not know the amortization period. Assuming it is 20 years, which is a common period for a revenue bond to mature, the city will be spending about \$12,500 plus interest per year to repay this bond. This comes to about \$1.00 (one dollar) per resident a year - not a very large amount of money to provide recreation facilities for the future.

A positive vote in the upcoming referendum is a positive vote for the improvement of this city. Without additional facilities and with the coming increase in population, the present facilities will become inadequate, and you and I will have to stand in line to await our turn to use what is available.

Virginia H. Moryadas

### Leisure Demands Recreation

A letter in the last *News Review* suggested we were "Park Land Poor." The major objections were about finance: how much it costs to purchase and maintain parks and how much tax revenue would be lost when the land becomes public property.

The major claim is that we are already too poor to properly maintain our parks. This is doubly wrong. On the one hand they are handsomely maintained. There is evidence of excessive wear, but this is not so much the result of lack of maintenance as it is evidence of excessive usage and excessive usage is an argument for expanded resources. No amount of maintenance is going to make grass grow on a playground which is always trampled by children. On the other hand, an expenditure of \$36,000 (our present park and playground expense) while extensive, is not the kind of expenditure that impoverishes a city with a budget

of \$536,000.

However, the accuracy of Mr. McDonald's claims is not the important point. More important is the fact that he misses the real issues. What is being challenged are not his claims but his suggestions that these are the issues.

Let's put things into perspective. Not many weeks have passed since Greenbelters were "up in arms" against certain zoning proposals—proposals permitting the construction of high rise apartments. The argument was "Greenbelt would not be Greenbelt if they allow high density zoning." That issue is not yet settled. We are offered an opportunity to vote on that issue with the Sept. 21 referendum. The two major objections to high rise construction are, first, the visible effect it would have on an area like the lake and, second, the density of population it would produce. The purchase of park lands is, finally, our most effective means of combating both of these objections.

The role of leisure in the life of our nation and in our personal lives

### Toward A Well-Kept City

I have read the report on the August 16 meeting of the City Council regarding the unkempt condition of the Center.

I certainly appreciate the work the City employees are doing, and I understand they work long and hard hours. On the other hand, I feel, as one of the major cities of Prince Georges County, we should exemplify a residential community that we can all be proud of. I believe that criticism, leastwise from myself, is always intended to be constructive.

I feel that each and everyone of us can go a long way in personally maintaining a well-kept City and this is one of the goals I am striving to reach for the citizens of Greenbelt.

Robert E. Foley

### DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM

Once upon a time, within the memory of present Greenbelt residents, Greenbelt Consumer Service was a democratically-run cooperative. It was located entirely in Greenbelt, and its members had meetings at which they could and did receive meaningful financial reports in writing and at which they could and did decide policy questions. And patronage dividends were paid then, too.

But the far-seeing leaders saw that it was necessary to expand GCS beyond Greenbelt's boundaries, to create the volume base that would enable GCS to survive and improve its services. So new facilities were created. And the far-seeing leaders saw that it was necessary to create a representative form of government to keep as much of the democratic form as possible in an organization too big and too far-flung to permit town-meeting democracy. So they innovated the Congress-form of organization.

Under GCS' Congress-form of organization, the co-op member elects two types of representative: (1) Congressman; and (2) Board of Directors members.

The Congressmen are an advisory group, with two geographic roles and several functions within these two roles. (1) All the Congressmen from one store area (such as Greenbelt, or Takoma Park, or Wheaton) meet as a delegation and try within that store area to represent the members in that area, to help improve services of facilities in that area, and to discuss and debate area and over-all co-op problems (2) All the Congressmen from all the areas combined meet as a Congress and discuss overall co-op problems. They interrogate the manager and the Board members, and sometimes get answers. They get financial reports that are given confidentially, and without detail. They advise the Board (their advice often is not

is increasing at a fantastic rate. This is reflected in our shortened working hours and early retirement as well as in our national economy. Twenty per cent of our gross annual income is spent on recreational pursuits. We need to provide increased recreational areas for our present generations but even greater are our obligations to the future. Once a property has been privately developed for residential or commercial usage, it is impossible to restore it to park usage—impossible physically and financially. How absurd to imagine New York buying up its private land to build Central Park or Boston clearing Beacon Hill to establish Boston Gardens and Commons. The land presently desired for purchase is expensive. But how much more will it cost in the future? If there are to be parks, adequate recreational areas for an increasing population with increasing time for recreation, they must be purchased now. There is no other realistic alternative.

How do you deal with population density and high rise buildings? What provisions do we make for the rapidly increasing role of leisure in a rapidly increasing population? Are these not the real issues to be decided?

Perry F. Miller

Pastor, Methodist Church

### MORE PILFERING

It was only a few days since I read the letter to you concerning the stealing of that poor child's gun and holster set in the Candy Cane City. It was growing dark in Candy Cane Land and I wanted to pick up my child there since that area is so very dark. On my way down the stairs behind the Co-op drugstore I encountered two teenage boys and as I passed them I heard barnyard sounds gibbering forth. No one else was in the area as far as I could see.

Upon reaching the playground I found my daughter had strayed and I frantically ran out after her—after leaving my purse in our car. She was found—and reprimanded—just beyond the playground. It was not over three minutes before I returned to the car only to find my brown straw purse was gone. I sincerely hope that the boys I encountered earlier limited themselves to making barnyard noises,

There was no money involved but there were some very important cards and papers in my purse and wallet. There will be no questions asked if these are returned either to myself or the police station.

Susan A. Harbour

carried out as such, but sometimes if there is sufficient light and heat, changes are made). They nominate candidates, from among their own ranks exclusively, to run for the Board (and their candidates are the ones who get elected).

There are about 100 Congressmen, including 12 from Greenbelt. Each area is entitled to one Congressman per 200 members.

Well, under this system, democracy could function—if the Board and management consented to let the Congressmen and ordinary members know what the facts are, about their business. But the Board and management refuse to divulge most facts to most members, and when facts are divulged, they frequently are of one of two categories. They are unimportant, or their importance is obscure: (1) For example, recently we were told in great detail of a Board decision on how former Board members will be entertained at dinner and their advice asked. (2) Once we were told the Board made a decision on disposal of unnecessary assets, but we weren't told the decision was to permit management to sell tens of thousands of dollars worth of assets without first having to get Board consent (so long as EACH asset sold wasn't worth more than \$10,000). Board minutes and staff reports are not available to the members, or even to most Congressmen. Some board minutes are "classified."

Membership participation has fallen off. It is hard to get people to vote in GCS elections. We have

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## Movie Theatre Named As Public Fallout Shelter

Greenbelt Theater has been designated as a public fallout shelter by the Prince Georges County Civil Defense Agency. It is one of 90 chosen throughout the county. The only other shelter within the city boundaries is Goddard Space Flight Center.

Fallout shelters can be identified by the black and yellow "Fallout Shelter" signs posted on buildings and shelters which meet Federal standards by providing a sufficient protection factor against radiation. They also have been stocked with food, medical kits, radiation monitoring kits, water containers and sanitation equipment with instructions to facilitate their efficient use. Supplies will have a shelf-life of five years.

Stocking and marking of shelter areas is a continuing responsibility of the Civil Defense Agency. As architects - engineers locate additional shelter potentiality, the Civil Defense Agency will attempt to receive approval from the building owner to identify and stock supply the shelter.

The Prince Georges County Civil Defense Director, R. Hal Silvers, pointed out "Every building, to some extent, provides a natural shield against fallout radiation."

## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin Judy

The following interviews were conducted at Candy Cane City, Greenbelt's new playground.

**Mr. Percy Dowright:** Dear me, sounds like a high-rise housing project. When did they get the zoning?

**Dr. E. Z. Drill, dentist:** I'm against candy canes, bad for the teeth, you know. You say it's a playground? Well, I just hope none of the kids try to lick off the peppermint.

**Mr. "Curly" Topp:** I thought it was a new barber shop opening and figured I'd get a haircut. Bunch of kids came zooming out and I had a close shave instead.

**Charly Chirrup, age 5:** Dig that crazy slide! Like wow!

## Parlez-vous Francais?

The next meeting of the Conversational French group will take place on Wednesday, September 8, at 8:30 p.m. at 8 Lakeside Drive. Newcomers who speak French fairly fluently are invited to attend.

The group meets informally once a month in the homes of members, primarily to afford an opportunity to practice speaking French. The September meeting will begin with a brief slide show featuring scenes of Paris and other parts of France. For information, call 345-9421.

## News of School Reopening

### High Point Students Report September 7

Allan I. Chotiner, Principal, reminds students that school bells will ring for High Point students on Tuesday, September 7 at 9 a.m. with a staff of 121 and over 2600 students. Beginning September 7, regular school hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30. Students should go to their regular bus stops approximately at the same time (8 a.m.)

Chotiner added that each student has been scheduled and will be given his program the first day of school.

### Registration of New Pupils

Registration for all pupils who may be entering the first grade and have not yet registered, as well as for all pupils who have moved into the county during the summer vacation, is scheduled for Friday, September 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at North End and Center Schools.

### St. Hugh's School Opens

The school term begins at St. Hugh's on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m. School will run until 11:30 a.m. the first day. Sister Maris, the principal, reports an approximate registration of 440 students with a staff of 10 teachers.

### Green Lawns Come From Good Seed

Whether your lawn is green and lush or coarse and spotty next year may well depend on the treatment you give it in the next few weeks.

According to a University of Maryland turf grass specialist, the best time of year for seeding lawns is fast approaching. And that applies to both new lawns and established lawns that may need improvement, says Dr. Elwyn Deal of the Department of Agronomy. Late August or early September is the best time for seeding a new lawn or "overseeding" an old lawn that is thin or has bare spots.

Under most Maryland conditions, Dr. Deal says, a mixture of two or more grasses is better than a single variety by itself. The most widely adapted mixture in Maryland is the 40% Kentucky Bluegrass, 40% Merion Bluegrass, and 20% Creeping Red Fescue.

Other coarse textured grasses such as tall fescue, timothy or orchardgrass should be avoided in the home lawn. Tall fescue can be used in play areas or special areas where use is heavy and a coarse texture is acceptable.

### Junior High Bus Schedule

The School Bus Transportation Office of the Board of Education has directed that Greenbelt Junior High School and a number of other junior high schools in this area open school at 8 a.m., effective on the opening day of school, September 7. The pupil's school day will be from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All students are requested to be at their regular bus stops on September 7 at 7:30 a.m. Bus 75 stops at North End Elementary School, Crescent Rd. and Greenhill; bus 154 at Hillside and Crescent, Crescent and Greenhill, Lakeside and North Drive; bus 229 at Riggs and Plateau, Crescent and Westway, Southway - Charlestowne Village; bus 142 at Ridge and Plateau, North End Elementary School; 235 at the Greenbelt Center, Crescent and Hillside; bus 217 at Greenbelt Center.

### Fall Activities at SHL

Springhill Lake residents have a chance to participate in many varied activities this fall. On Friday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Teen Night Club dance with band and floor show. A fashion show for men, women, and children will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4. An Adult Discotheque is planned for Saturday evening, Sept. 4, from 9 to 12 p.m. All events will take place in the Community House unless otherwise designated.

A square dance first nighter will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. Residents and other interested persons are invited to attend. The scouting season will be kicked off on Friday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with registration for boys, ages 11-14. This will take place at 6154 S.H. Drive, apt. 101. Girl Scouts and Brownies are asked to register at the Community House, 3:30-5 p.m. on Sept. 23.

Some of the classes offered to residents this fall include lessons in bridge, dancing, cake-decorating, art, music, and sewing. Call Mrs. Sutton, 474-1600, for details.

### OPENINGS REMAIN FOR NEW YORK CITY TRIP

The Greenbelt Travel Club announces that it has obtained a second bus for the two day trip to New York City on September 11 and 12. There are still some reservations remaining. All seats to be sold are reserved and are reclining seats. The trip will originate at the Community Building in Springhill Lake, then make its usual pickup in the west parking lot near the Suburban Trust Company.

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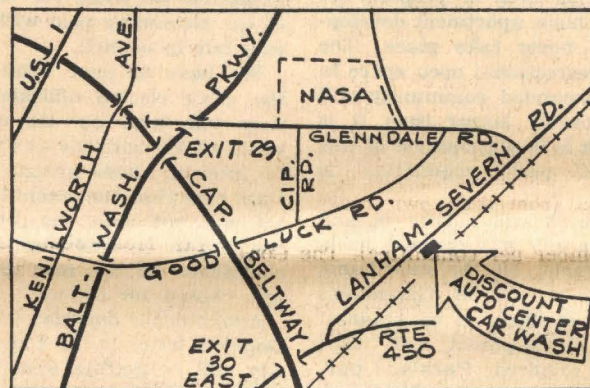
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**LETTER, from page 3**  
to struggle to get a quorum of ballots. I say that's because members are denied the facts about their own business and they don't know what they are voting on or what the candidates stand for. The organization made these changes years ago. There are no patronage refunds either, though in the past year or so it has not been in as desperately poor shape as it was a couple of years ago. There are no patronage dividends, and there won't be any for quite a while. I say it's because members are kept uninformed and so can't criticize errors or remove poor leaders. So far have the farsighted leaders taken us.

**NOW THERE'S A NEW SET OF PROPOSALS BEING PREPARED BY FAR-SIGHTED LEADERS.**

In the works is a plan to stick a new layer into the Congress-form of organization. Under this plan, members would no longer have the right to vote for Congressmen. Members would vote to elect local delegations—one delegate for each 200 members as before with a minimum of 15 per delegation—and the local delegations would elect from among their own ranks Congressmen for one-year terms, and receive their reports. All together, there'd be no more than 100 Congressmen. There's to be no more than one Congressman per 300 members. The Congress would presumably nominate the Board candidates as before, from within their own ranks, and the members would elect Board members, as before. The local delegation would receive local facilities managers' reports quarterly (but wouldn't have any more power than they now have to tell managers what to do; their present power is nil except by persuasion of the local managers and the top management or by persuasion of the Board to suggest to top management. The idea is to make management give reports, anyway, and to give delegations something to do. The local delegation also would elect from their own ranks members of Congress committees (one member per committee). The Congress would set up committees which would (or would not—there is disagreement on this) be limited in function to what the Board tells them they may do. In another part of the same set of draft recommendations (albeit a part that may fall by the wayside) it is proposed that a GCS member must vote only in the area in which he resides (now he may choose which one area he wishes to affiliate with and vote in.)

The net effect of this set of changes, I believe, would be that mem-

bers would have even less say-so than they now have. Members who differ with the policies of the FAR-SIGHTED LEADERS would have a harder time getting elected to the Congress. They'd have a harder time worming any information out of the Board and Management. (How much do we pay management? What are the terms by which we got facilities in Baltimore and Glen Burnie? What is our arrangement with Sinclair? And so forth.) Members generally would have even less incentive to vote or attend meetings.

Once upon a time, in far-off Russia, a party came to power using this slogan, "all power to the soviets (local councils)." But this party had another slogan when it got into power—"democratic centralism," which means you may discuss until a policy is decided on, but then all must toe the line.

Pretty soon, there wasn't any power in the local councils and there wasn't any discussion, either. Just toeing of the party line. All power was in the politburo, which was their version of FAR-SIGHTED LEADERS. For quite a while, all power was in one man's hands. Great stuff, too. For him. Now, maybe two or three, or a handful more, share the power and discussion and information monopoly.

In the history of GCS' descent from town-meeting democracy toward "democratic centralism," we took several steps. We used to have proportionate representation but gave that up; it almost led to the failure one year of one leader to get nominated for another term on the Board. We used to elect to all positions at once; now we have staggered terms—this makes for "stability." We used to publicize the right of members to nominate by petition candidates for the Board; we don't now, because the Congress knows best and its nominees should be elected (but the Congress isn't told enough, so how can it possibly know best even if its members had the monopoly of all the best brains?). Our GCS leaders are far from being Communists, but they do think "papa knows best."

Do we GCS members wish to take another step down the road to "all power to the politburo" and "democratic centralism" without democracy? I hope not. I hope the GCS Congress will reject these proposals. But if they're accepted by the Congress and put on the ballot next spring, I hope the members reject them and the Congressmen and the Board members who advocate them.

M. K. Amberg

**BIOGRAPHIES, from page 1**

of Maryland at College Park, an LL.B. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, and was admitted to practice by the Maryland Court of Appeals in 1959.

Smith was selected "Outstanding Young Man of America, (1964-65)" by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and past president of the Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of the Greenbelt Democratic Club, a member and past president of the Greenbelt Business Men's Association, and associate member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, a member of the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Boys' Club, and a member of the Greenbelt American Legion.

Smith was one of the organizers and is a member of the steering committee of the "Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt." He served on the Greenbelt City Council from 1959-61, was City Solicitor from 1962-63, and was again elected to the City Council in 1963, at which time he became Mayor.

He is an Assistant Attorney General of the State, served as treasurer of the County Engineers' Association of Maryland for three years, was State Judge Advocate of the American Legion (1962-63), and is presently assistant State Judge Advocate of the organization.

Prior to his graduation from law school he was administrative head of the 131 unincorporated "towns" in Prince Georges County. In this capacity he supervised and administered such municipal services as street and highway lighting, refuse collection, urban and rural street and highway construction, and storm drainage systems to these ad hoc areas.

Smith, a 13-year resident of Greenbelt, is married to the former Paula Elaine Phillips of Salisbury, Maryland, and has a 15-year-old daughter, Sandra Lynne.

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Sid Barnett was top player in last week's individual duplicate bridge contest of the Greenbelt Bridge Club. He had 10 out of 14 possible points. Tying for second place were Tina Pristoop, Lucille Lushine, and Mary Smith. Next game: Friday, September 10.

Happy-birthday to Richard Skolnik, 2E Northway, who celebrated his eighth birthday yesterday.

Ocean City was the vacation spot for the Harry Fox family, 32-H Ridge. Harry's mother, Mrs. Karen Fox, was also with them.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Merricks, 11-F Laurel, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland (Elementary Education). Jean's husband, John, is a physical education teacher, and head coach at Camp Springs. The Merricks have three boys, Michael, Jimmy and Newt. Jean will be teaching first grade at the Center School.

Hospitalman Apprentice John S. Shirreffs III, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shirreffs Jr., 434 Ridge Road, is serving at U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.

## School Health Check-Ups

At the beginning of the school year, parents would do well to check on their children's health. Dr. John L. Pitts of the State Health Department said today. Children should be vaccinated during the first year of life against the common communicable diseases smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles. Maryland law requires smallpox inoculation before children can enter school, and schools throughout the state must request a vaccination certificate before admission. Any school age or preschool-age child who is still not vaccinated should therefore be taken promptly to a private physician or Health Department clinic for immunization. Parents whose children have been vaccinated should consult their physician about periodic "booster" inoculations.

Parents can help their children to maintain good health by seeing that their diet includes the proper amounts of essential foods. They should have adequate daily servings of milk, meat, fish or poultry, vegetables, fruit, bread and cereal. Dr. Pitts emphasized the importance of starting the day with a substantial breakfast and said that children who have the noon meal away from home should be instructed in the importance of eating the proper foods.

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## City Notes

A leak that developed last weekend has forced the closing of the diving pool probably for the duration of the swimming season. Original uncertainty as to the source of the leak caused city officials to close the entire pool last Sunday; but when it was learned that the trouble was confined to the diving pool, the main pool was re-opened. This leak, together with other minor repairs and adjustments, will be fixed by the contractor as part of his agreement with the city. He was expected to start work on these repairs today.

The slide at the Greenbelt pool is back in operation, after the repair of faulty deck fastenings. The pool will close on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

As a footnote on pool maintenance, city manager James Giese indicated that the pool will not be drained during the winter months. Water in the pool helps to equalize temperatures and to reduce damage to the concrete shell by repeated freezing and thawing.

The long-awaited traffic light at the intersection of Edmonston and Greenbelt Roads is being installed this week by the State Roads Commission.

In preparation for the Greenbelt Festival the Public Works Department has been constructing and will install about a dozen new booths. They will also set up bleachers and a platform for the parade judging. They had hoped that the lighting of the north parking lot would be completed as well in time for the Festival. A meter box has been installed, but to date the city has not received delivery of the light poles.

The east parking lot, adjacent to the food store, has been provided with new mercury vapor lights comparable to those installed in the west lot last year.

City crews have also finished sandblasting all underpasses. Each underpass will then be given a protective coating. They are also repairing the pavement of Greenhill Rd. preparatory to the resurfacing of that street. Similar repairs will be done soon on Northway.

Some small repairs to city streets are being done, however, by the Washington Gas Light Co. to replace temporary pavements over excavations made this summer to install gas lines.

Charlestowne Village swimming pool opened a few weeks ago.

Most of the muddy appearance of Greenbelt Lake is due to the runoff from Boxwood Village through Empire Place after every rain.

The city manager will leave town during the municipal election, but he is not running away — only attending a conference of city managers, to be held in Montreal.

All local boys hired for summer work by the city will complete their assignments this week. About three of the young men assigned to Greenbelt under the Neighborhood Youth Corp program will also be leaving to go back to school, but those remaining will continue until October, when the present agreement expires. The city hopes to renew the program at that time.

## Woman's Club News

The Community Affairs and Community Improvements committees of the Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. R. James Rice, 8 Lakeview Circle, on Thursday, Sept. 2, to discuss plans on the best ways to serve the community.

The Ways and Means committee, headed by Winnie Riggs, is in charge of a booth to sell hot dogs and soft drinks during the Labor Day Festival. Any members, returning from vacations, who have not been contacted and would like to help, are asked to call Gr. 4-9439.

## Lady Bowlers Meet

There will be a meeting Wednesday, September 8, at the Youth Center at 10 a.m. for all ladies interested in joining the Greenbelt Wednesday Morning Bowling League at Fontana Lanes. For further information call Jean Shifflett at 345-8538 or Millie Phillips at 577-1714.

## SWIM TEAM NEWS

Greenbelt's Division champion swimmers did not measure up to their own expectations in the annual Cheverly Relays in which seventeen Prince - Mont League swim clubs competed.

Mary Coulter, Kathy Labukas, and the two McMahon girls swam in the 17-and-under girls' team category, gaining fourth places in the popular Freestyle Relay and the difficult Medley Relay. The 10-and-under girls' team made up of Pam Corbin, Andrea Haslinger, Joanne Louk, and Olga Penney took sixth place in their Medley Relay. Greenbelt lacked team entries in many events for lack of swimmers, particularly young swimmers and boy swimmers.

At the DCAAU Novice Meet held August 30, two of the four Greenbelt Team members entered scored victories in a field of over 400 swimmers. Buddy Marquardt took second place in backstroke and a fourth place in freestyle in the Boys 14 year old age group. Second place in the Girls 17 year age group backstroke event fell to Molly McMahon.

Annual team awards presented at the Swim Team Party at the new Pool Tuesday, August 31: high point boy, Marty Haker; runner-up, Buddy Marquardt; high point girl, Nancy McMahon; runner-up, Molly McMahon; best sportsmanship, Kathy Labukas; most improved,

Steve White; team effort, Mary Coulter; most cooperative, Jeanette Louk; hardest worker, Kixie Aulisio; runners-up in this category were Chris Lindstrom and Fred Butcher.

The Greenbelt Swim Team is sponsoring a Pizza Booth at the Labor Day Festival to help purchase team uniforms. The booth will be open from 1 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday.

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## Point of View . . . . . by Dorothy Sucher

I've been worrying lately about a report in the papers that a rabid bat has been found in Rockville. According to the article, Health Department officials are asking citizens to cooperate by reporting any bat that "was sick or acted strangely."

Usually the Health Department can count upon my support, but this time I'm afraid I'm going to let them down. Even if I should encounter a bat, I doubt that I'd be able to tell whether or not it is behaving strangely.

All the bats I've ever known have acted strangely. I lived with a bat one summer at camp when I was thirteen years old. There were nine of us in the cabin—eight girls and a bat—and the bat lived in the rafters, where he could be seen during the day hanging upside down. He never tired of this position, which doesn't seem normal to me.

At night he woke up and zoomed around and around the cabin, while all the girls except me shrieked and hid their heads under the covers so the bat wouldn't get in their hair. Camp being camp, I'd been clipped for ringworm not long before, so I had no hair to worry about.

The cabin was rustic: the walls were waist-high, and above them was only air, and the columns that supported the roof. The bat was perfectly at liberty to fly out into the night in search of something to eat, but he never did. He preferred

zooming around the room. I call that sort of behavior bizarre.

After all, when people act like that, don't we say they're bats?

On the other hand, rabies is no joke, and I wish the Health Department officials had been more specific.

Perhaps this would be an appropriate place to reveal that a Greenbelt policeman received a citation several months ago for reporting to the Health Department that he had been bitten on the hand by a vicious donkey, a member of the "Animal Land" troupe that presented a three-day carnival in the parking lot behind the shopping center. Somehow I never managed to work this item into the News Review's column of police news. I don't recall exactly why the officer received the citation—I don't think it was for bravery—but the Health Department was grateful, even though the donkey turned out to be perfectly healthy, just mean.

I've known bats that took naps in vases of dried pampas grass on people's mantelpieces, and bats that went THUNK! against the screen of one's bedroom window when one was reading Dracula at 3 a.m. I've known more bats than I care to remember, but I've never known a bat that acted rationally.

Perhaps I'll write a letter to the Health Department, asking for further details.

## Where to Go New Smithsonian Exhibits

If you have ever searched for an interesting place to visit with the family on a hot summer weekend—not too far away, pleasantly air-conditioned, with built-in cafeteria and convenient visiting hours—try the new Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology. Now that the heat of summer has been turned on, the flood of tourists on the mall has dwindled to a trickle and it is easy to park right across from the entrance, especially in the late afternoon. However, the museum still maintains its extended schedule, set to accommodate the big rush earlier in the year—open till 10 p.m., with cafeteria service till 8:30.

Though new exhibits are continually being added, the top two floors are still unused. The latest additions—opened to the public on the 4th of July—are on the third floor and include an impressive display of American military history. There one will find such diverse items as George Washington's headquarters' tent, a revolutionary gunboat raised from the bottom of Lake Champlain and restored, a replica of Old Ironsides, the inevitable antique cannons, and, yes, even General Sheridan's horse, in full civil-war gear. It looks very spirited, considering that it is a century old and stuffed with cotton.

For those less martially inclined, the same floor carries a large exhibit showing the development of the printing press and of art-reproduction techniques. The history of printing type is traced from 11th century Korean type (they had the right idea, those Koreans, but an impractical alphabet) to the modern linotype machine and its 19th century ancestors. However, the most interesting of all are the art reproduction exhibits. From woodcuts to copper etchings to lithographs to silk-screen prints, the artist's techniques are meticulously explained and amply illustrated. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a reconstruction of a Japanese wood-engraver's workshop, showing the engravers at work and some of their creations.

A small side gallery now holds a temporary exhibit of prize-winning photographs which is worth seeing.

Another new exhibit, this one on the first floor, is the Van Alstyne collection of American folk art. There you can see wooden cigar-store Indians, weathervanes, primitive paintings, replicas of the American eagle, and such expressions of cast-iron patriotism as a stove accessory in the shape of George Washington. The youngsters will enjoy the centerpiece—a revolving medley of merry-go-round animals, accompanied by callopie music—even if they have to be forcibly restrained from jumping aboard.

All in all, a worthwhile visit.  
D.P.S.

## Aspirin Overdose Treated

A three-year-old Greenbelt boy took an overdose of aspirin (approximately 16 tablets) on August 28. He was taken to the emergency room of Prince Georges Hospital where his stomach was pumped. He is now at home in satisfactory condition.

His mother said that he had apparently managed to get the bottle down from the medicine cabinet.

## Promote John Downs

John F. Downs, 4-D Crescent, has been promoted from assistant planning engineer for Prince Georges County to chief of research and special studies by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Downs began his new duties on August 16, with offices in the Commission's regional headquarters in Silver Spring. As head of research he will supervise the collection, maintenance, and evaluation of basic data and statistics required in the preparation of all plans produced by the MNOPPC, as well as the preparation and publication of technical studies and reports derived from research efforts.

Downs began his career with the Planning Commission in 1957 as a park planner in the Montgomery County regional office. He was promoted to senior planner in the Advance Planning Section in January 1962, and was transferred to the Planning Administration Section of the Prince Georges regional office in December of that year.

Downs and his wife, Dolores, have seven children.

## Church To Augment Staff

The members of the Greenbelt Community Church has voted to call Kenneth Powell and Jane Beale to the staff of the church as Youth Ministers in the church's program for junior and senior high school youth. They will work with Church School and fellowship activities.

Powell, a student at the University of Maryland, lives at 49-F Ridge. He is a graduate of High Point High School and was president of the Greenbelt Teen Club.

Miss Beale is attending George Washington University and lives at 4-D Ridge. She is a graduate of High Point and has been active in school and community activities. This summer she worked with the city recreation program.

Both these young people plan to enter full-time Christian vocations after college and have planned to lead a well-rounded program for the church youth. The Christian Education program begins at the church on Sunday, Sept. 12.

## Elect Silvers to CD Post

R. Hal Silvers, who has been directing the Civil Defense organization in Prince Georges County for the past ten years, was elected executive vice president of the Maryland Association of Civil Defense Directors at the organization's first convention in Towson recently.

## Commissioners to Consider Two New Types of Zoning

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, at 10:30 a.m. at Upper Marlboro to consider the addition of two new zoning categories — R-T (Town House) Zone and I-3 (Planned Industrial District) zone. Both already have the approval of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The R-T zone would establish a type of housing closely resembling that found in original Greenbelt. It makes possible owner-occupied town houses. The criteria set down would be three to eight attached houses of not more than three stories and not less than 20 feet wide. A minimum of 50 percent green space would be required. All utility lines within the development would be underground.

The County Planning Board would be required to approve site plans to ensure varying design and to avoid monotony of development. Plans would show topography, parking facilities, access roads, proposed grading and landscaping, recreation and green areas, and methods of assuring perpetual maintenance of common areas.

The industrial park zoning, to be used for planned industrial districts of not less than 50 acres, would allow activities deemed less detrimental to residential neighborhoods than those allowed under present industrial categories.

It would permit activities such as printing, trade schools, manufacturing of light machinery, scientific instruments, electronic equipment and wearing apparel, and research and development laboratories.

The law would require the district to have frontage on a dual highway. The height limit for buildings would be 45 feet; they could not be built within 200 feet of residential property, and 50 percent of the land must be left open.

## JCC High Holidays

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County will observe the High Holidays at its building on Ridge and Westway Roads in Greenbelt. Rosh Hashonah services will begin on Sunday, September 26, at 7:15 p.m. and continue through September 28. Yom Kippur services will start at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, at 6:45 p.m. and continue through October 6.

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## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

8:30 P.M. — PLAY—"The Curious Savage" - Center School

6:30 P.M. — TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Tennis Cts.

7:00 P.M. — SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - Braden Field

8:30 P.M. — SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - Braden Field

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

1-11 P.M. — CARNIVAL - N. Parking Lot

1-11 P.M. — ART FESTIVAL - Youth Center

2:30 P.M. — PLAY - "The Curious Savage" - Center School

8-12 P.M. — DANCE - Center School

Square Dance Demonstration - Miss Greenbelt Candidates

10 A.M. — TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Courts

10 A.M. — ARCHERY TOURNAMENT - Archery Range

1-10 P.M. — SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - Braden Field

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

9 A.M. — PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Carnival Grounds

1-11 P.M. — CARNIVAL - North Parking Lot

1-11 P.M. — ART FESTIVAL - Youth Center

6:30 P.M. — 15 KILOMETER ROAD RACE - Braden Field

6:40 P.M. — "RUN FOR YOUR LIFE" Race-1½ mile Braden Fld.

7:30 P.M. — TALENT SHOW - Center School

8:00 P.M. — ROADRUNNERS AWARDS - Center School

8:30 P.M. — TALENT SHOW - Center School

9:30 P.M. — MISS GREENBELT CONTEST - Center School

10 A.M. — TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Courts

1 P.M. — HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Picnic Grounds

1 P.M. — GOLF CHIPPING - Braden Field

2:30 - 10 P.M. — SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - Braden Field

### MONDAY, SEPT. 6

10 A.M. — LABOR DAY GALA PARADE - Northway to Centerway

PARADE AWARDS - Centerway

FIRE DEPT. DEMONSTRATION - Centerway

1-8 P.M. — ART FESTIVAL - Youth Center

4:30 P.M. — NSA CONCERT - Center School

7 P.M. — ART AWARDS - Youth Center

8:30 P.M. — PLAY "The Curious Savage" - Center School

10 A.M. — TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Courts

1 P.M. — HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - Braden Field Picnic Grounds

2 P.M. — SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - Braden Field

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